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ity of furniture made at low prices.Don't fail to attend the opening sale tomorrow morning,
May 20, at 10 o'clock.C. G. SLOAN & CO.,
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FIRE FIEND WAS ABROAD.

Longfellow Cottage Among Many Villas
Destroyed at Concord.Concord, Mass., May 18.—The fire that
started this noon in the woods surround-
ing Lake Walden was one of the fiercest
ever known here, and it has burned over
more than 1,000 acres of woodland and
destroyed hundreds of cords of wood.Some of the principal losses in Concord
are the estate of the late Ralph Waldo
Emerson, Hon. George Derby, and R. G.
Wood.Lynn, Mass., May 18.—The residence
portion of the town of Nahant was this
afternoon the scene of a disastrous fire,
which destroyed five valuable summer resi-
dences, causing a property loss approxi-
mating \$100,000.Among those destroyed was the Long-
fellow cottage, where the poet spent his
summer for many years, and where the
"Bells of Lynn" was composed and written.Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 18.—The electric
light plant at Whitelaven was destroyed
by fire this afternoon. The loss is said to
be \$20,000.

Toms River, N. J., May 18.—Word was re-

ceived in this place this afternoon that the
town of Waretown, Ocean county, is burn-
ing. Waretown is eleven miles south of
this place and four miles north of Barnegat.
It is quite a good sized place and has a
population of several thousand people.The latest news received here was to the
effect that the fire was blazing fiercely and
it looked as if the whole town would be
destroyed.

MISS HAZARD'S MURDERER.

His Body Found in a Pond, Where He
Had Committed Suicide.Barnstable, Mass., May 18.—The search-
ing parties that were quickly organized yester-
day to hunt for Alexander, the murderer
of Miss Hazard, found no clew to his where-
abouts until late yesterday afternoon, when
three patrol reports were heard, which
guided the searchers to the head of Snow's
Pond, where the murderer's hat and revolver
and a score of cartridges were found on the
ground.The pond was dragged, and about dark
Alexander's body was recovered. There
was a bullet wound in the temple. On the
body was found a letter, apparently writ-
ten Sunday, addressed to Rev. Mr. Dawes.

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THREE ARE DEAD,
SEVEN INJUREDOne of Washington's Worst Fire
Horror Experienced
Last Night.

FIREMEN ARE THE VICTIMS

Three Could Not Be Saved and One Was
Rescued By Heroism.

LOSS PERHAPS \$250,000

Block Between Ninth and Tenth and
Louisiana Avenue and B Street
N. W. Almost Gutted.Fallen Live Wires Hindered the Fire
Fighters and Caused Several In-
juries—Fireman Kettler Was Res-
cued from Under the Beams After
Hours' Imprisonment—Dead
Men Leave Families.KILLED.
GEORGE P. GILES, assist-
ant foreman Engine Company
No. 9.THOMAS A. GRIFFIN,
Truck D.
WILLIAM CONWAY, En-
gine Company No. 9.INJURED.
GEORGE W. KETTLER,
acting foreman Engine No. 8;
crushed and burned; will re-
cover.JOSEPH MULHALL, En-
gine Company No. 8; crushed
and burned; will recover.ARTHUR DONALDSON,
Engine Company No. 8; crush-
ed.McLWEE, Engine Com-
pany No. 8; leg crushed; slight
burns.MICHAEL BARRY, Engine
Company No. 7; injured by
bursting hose pipe.ALONZO TAYLOR, right
hand burned by electric wire.

EDWARD C. FREY, face

burned by electric wire.

Five great casualties and crimes have
shocked this city in the last seventeen
years.The last was the fire last night, which
all but destroyed the block bounded by
Louisiana avenue and B, and Ninth and
Tenth streets northwest.In this catastrophe three firemen lost
their lives and a number were seriously
injured.The financial loss was considerable
when reckoned against the loss of life and
the ruin of the firemen, who worked
unusually and without regard to their
own safety to rescue a brother in peril.Beginning with the Garfield assassination
and running the gamut through the Ford
building tragedy, the Knox warehouse
fire, and the Stumph factory disaster,
nothing in our municipal annals so hor-
rificed the people of Washington as did the
awful scenes now scarcely twelve hours
old.KETTLE'S BRAVE RESCUERS.
Scarcely had the fire been under control
when it was learned that George W.
Kettler, acting foreman of No. 8, and
George P. Giles, assistant foreman of No.
9, had been buried under falling debris at
the premises 926 Louisiana avenue.Chief Parris knowing that the flames
could not then spread, and pathetically
anxious concerning his subordinates, turned
his entire attention to the work of rescue.This was useless as far as Assistant Fore-
man Giles was concerned. Shortly before
12 o'clock a charred body was tenderly
conveyed to a waiting ambulance by the
tearful comrades. The operations of the
department then centered on Acting Fore-
man Kettler of No. 8, who lay under a
beam planked in the salesroom of Com-
mission Merchant Clark, at No. 926.GRIEF OF THE FATHER.
It was then that the most pathetic and
dramatic incident of the whole terrible
night took place.Kettler's father and brother stood on
the sidewalk in front of the smoldering
building. They knew that a brother and
son lay underneath the continually falling
debris. The young man could not be
restrained and rushed into the building
with the firemen. There was a pause of
several minutes, during which twenty
willing hands lifted the smoldering tim-
ber and hot iron from above the imprisoned
unfortunate.Shortly before 12 there came a crash.
The second floor had fallen in and the
prison bars over the captive sufferer were
even more effectively locked.That did not deter the workers. Back
they went; ropes were secured and heavy
pieces of building material were hauled
from the top of the pile under which lay
a human life.ONE MORE CRASH.
At 12:10, only a few minutes later, came
another fall. The second and third stor-
ies had given away and everything except
the bare floor and party walls seemed to
have crashed down on the men who were
working for Kettler's life.A murmur of awe and horror ran through
the assembled thousands, and it was for a
moment feared that the rescuers were
doomed.Suddenly the crowd sent up a cheer.
Four men, those who were working in the
rear of the building, jumped over the rafters,
through the fire, smoke and sparks
and made their way to the broad pavement.
Chief Parris, heartless at the possible
and seemingly probable fate of four more
of his men, cheered 1 with the crowd as they
emerged from the building. Then he
directed that the streams play to the rear
and back of the imprisoned man.RESCUE OF KETTLER.
At 1:40 the efforts of brave men were
rewarded. It appeared that a beam had
plinked Kettler's limb, and that the
rest of his body was free from danger and
protected by an overhanging timber placed
there by the foreman of Truck A. The in-
jured man was quickly conveyed to an am-
bulance and removed to Providence Hos-
pital.At 1:30 a gang of twenty men were put
to work pulling up masses of lumber and hot
iron above the bodies of Griffin and Conway
which are supposed to be in the basement
of the premises, 926 Louisiana avenue, im-
mediately adjoining the building from which
Kettler was taken and where Giles met his
death.By 9:30 o'clock the fire had been gotten
under control on the B street side, and the
scene of active operations was changed to
the commission house of William E.
Clark, No. 924 Louisiana avenue. The
upper stories of this building were burn-
ing fiercely and a line of hose was stretched
across the sidewalk and directed toward
the upper windows.The pipen of engine company No. 8
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and directed a stream into the blazing in-
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Morton Cadets vs. Fire Engines.

work of rescue could be taken up.

As soon as the flames had been driven
into the interior of the building willing hands
seized the smoking beams and girders and
heaved them into the street. Twenty
minutes hard work and the body of George
P. Giles, assistant foreman of No. 9, was
found crushed and bleeding beneath a
great pile of timbers.Flames were creeping up on all sides and
the workmen strived heroically to reach
the body first. A line of hose was run
into the opening made and the fire fought
backward as the men advanced.Finally the timbers were cleared away,
Kettler was brought, and the man who
had given his life to other orders was
lifted tenderly upon the rough cot, a
blanket laid over him and his comrades
bore him to the patrol wagon.THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.
Giles was married and had three chil-
dren. He lived at No. 1748 Fourteenth
street northwest. Yesterday was his day
off, but when he heard there was a big
fire he made his wife and children get
down to join his company for the last
time.At midnight Mrs. Giles came in search
of her husband. His comrades had not the
heart to tell her the truth and said he
was injured. The poor woman made a
tour of the hospital in vain search for
her husband and finally was led away by
friends, who told her the sad truth.On the fatal third floor with Giles were
William Conway, of No. 9 Company; and
Thomas A. Griffin, of Truck D. They
also went down into the furnace of flame
and now lie beneath a great heap of smok-
ing timbers in the basement of No. 926
Louisiana avenue.Conway was a new man. It was his
first fire and already he had earned the
commendation of his chief for the manner
in which he conducted himself. He was
unmarried and lived with his mother at
No. 914 First street northwest.Griffin was married and leaves a wife
but no children. He resided at No. 918
Twenty-fifth street northwest. Although
their bodies had not been found at a late
hour this morning, there is no hope that
they could have lived beneath the burn-
ing timbers.FIRST MAN RESCUED.
A hose was kept constantly playing on the
smoking pile to prevent the flames from
creeping up on the plumed men.At 10 o'clock, after twenty minutes of
desperate effort, the first man was brought
out alive, but he was badly injured.His smoke-begrimed features were hardly
recognizable, but a comrade bent over him
and brushing the mud from his face said:
"It's Arthur Donaldson."The injured man raised his head and
smiled weakly at those about him.
"I'm all right, boys," he said, "but you
got me out just in time. There's more
of 'em back there."Donaldson was lifted into the ambulance
and taken to Emergency Hospital, and then
the work of rescue was resumed. Back into
the flames dashed the firemen and yanked
and hauled at the heavy timbers. Every
moment the walls were expected to fall
and the men were expected to fall.The upper floors of the Clark building
and with this great weight the walls of the
old buildings proved regular death traps.
Great iron girders and heavy wooden beams
were twisted out from beneath the pile of
debris and thrown upon the sidewalk.LOSS AND INSURANCE.
Total Damage Will Reach \$250,000
with Only Partial Indemnity.The effective work of the fire depart-
ment in checking the flames and keep-
ing them within a comparatively narrow area
reduced the possibilities of the great losses,
which first appeared as though they would
exceed a million dollars, as stated in "The
Times" extra edition.At the time the extra Times was issued,
giving the city, as usual, the first view of the
disaster, the fire appeared to be uncon-
rollable, and it was the belief and fear of
all present, including officials, that it
would sweep eastward and include in its
fiery path the massive Center Market build-
ing, the Bijou Opera House and the ex-
tensive warehouses and commission stores
on the north side of Louisiana avenue.This prospect was narrowly averted and
the fire controlled only after the united
and heroic work of the entire department.A number of insurance men, whose com-
panies had issued policies upon the stock,
fixtures and buildings in the burned block,
remained about the scene of the big con-
flagration until nearly daybreak this morn-
ing trying to estimate the damages. They
were only able, however, to give an ap-
proximate estimate owing to the dis-
turbed condition of the fire-wrept section.The underwriters also varied in the
amounts they gave, but they were able
to give range figures.Their estimates place the total loss any-
where between \$150,000 and \$250,000,
with a majority of opinions in favor of
the latter figures. It was difficult, they
stated, to give accurate figures on the
stock insurance in the B street commis-
sion houses, as the quantity, quality and
value of the perishables fluctuate from
day to day.Notwithstanding the damage, which
menaced them the rescuers worked bravely.
The rear of the building was in flames,
the walls were tottering and threatened
every moment to fall.To all appearances Kettler was not
badly injured. The falling walls and floors
had apparently escaped striking him in a
vital spot and he was perfectly conscious
during the whole time the men were engaged
in digging away the debris.At 1 o'clock a shout went up from the
workers in the building. They had bared
the man's body and it was expected that he
would soon be lifted out of the terrible pit
in which he was lying. But this was not
to be.A large iron post lay across his right
foot and pinned him to the floor. The
ladders and crowbars were called into
use to move the mass of iron. During
this trying ordeal Kettler retained his
nerve to a remarkable degree.NEVER LOST HIS NERVE.
He would occasionally speak to the men
who were working so hard to save his
life. He frequently called for water, which
was handed to him, and he also called for
his wife. She was in the crowd on the
outside of the building, together with his
sister, but it was impossible for her to
reach her husband's side.About 1:30 o'clock the iron kettle was
moved away from the injured man's foot.
The work of rescue, however, was not
completed. The fire, which had been
burning in the rear of the building, had
increased in intensity, and the workers
were compelled to cease their labors for a
moment.A stream of water was turned on the
burning portion, and the flames subsided
sufficiently for the men to resume work.
At 1:40 o'clock this morning the last ob-
struction was moved and Kettler lifted
tenderly out of the awful pit, which heO. O. Spicer, commission merchant, No.
936; stock, \$6,000; insurance small.E. M. Walker, grocer, No. 938; stock
about \$2,000; no insurance.Bender's horse and carriage bazaar,
No. 940; loss about \$2,000, in stock.

Berger's restaurant, No. 942; loss small.

The B street merchants are:
E. J. Adams & Company, No. 909; Adams
& Browner, No. 907; William S. Anderson
& Company, No. 919; John E. Bayless &
Company, No. 905; Brown Brothers, No.
927; Henry C. Coburn, No. 923; John A.
Davis & Son, No. 917; William W.
Leishner & Son, No. 915; William O.
Shriver & Son, No. 921; G. Taylor Wade,
No. 911; Jewell Crowley, eating house.The losses to stock on the B street side
of the burned block will average about
\$1,500 to each house.The buildings burned on Louisiana ave-
nue are estimated to be worth from
\$3,000 to \$4,000 each. Those on B
street from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each.The buildings on B street are owned by
the Van Ness-Phillips estate. Those on
Louisiana avenue by different parties.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

Crossed Wires in the Storm Set Fire
to a Switch Box.The fire originated from an electric wire.
One of the commission houses had in it a
telephone box and switch and the exterior
wire becoming crossed during the storm
with an electric wire, communicated the
spark to the telephone box and stand
which quickly spread to the surrounding
fixtures, and the inflammable character
of the goods on the premises instantly
burst into a flame which spread rapidly
through the first floor and by the elevator
shaft and stairways to the upper floors.On account of the high wind which pre-
vailed just before the fire started, the
flames leading to the engine house became
crossed and delay was caused in receiving
the alarms.Especially was this so with No. 10,
where the alarm came in such a mixed-up
manner that those on duty could not locate
it out. They saw the blaze, but could not
locate it.Using a neighboring telephone no better
success was had. The company was on the
point of going out in the direction of the blaze
as seen in the sky, when the general alarm
was received. For the reasons given several
of the engines lost from three to eight
minutes in getting under way to the fire.

BURNED BY LIVE WIRES.

Two Men and a Patrol Horse Hurt
by the Subtle Fluid.